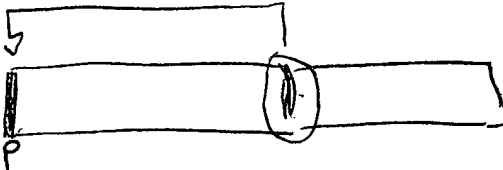


## IN THE CLAIMS



35. (New) A method for recording digitally encoded data received via a network connection, the method comprising:

receiving a first stream of digitally encoded data;

incrementally recording the first stream via a local storage device;

incrementally playing the first stream during the recording of the first stream;

pausing the recording and the playing of the first stream at a first point within the digitally encoded data;

receiving a second stream of the digitally encoded data; and

incrementally recording the second stream via the local storage device starting at the first point within the digitally encoded data.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

incrementally playing the second stream of digitally encoded data starting at the first point within the digitally encoded data during the recording of the second stream.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

incrementally playing the second stream of digitally encoded data starting at a second point within the digitally encoded data during the recording of the of the second stream starting at the first point.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the digitally encoded data is received in packet form transmitted from a remotely disposed computer via a network.

39. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein digitally encoded data comprises audio data.

40. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein digitally encoded data comprises video data.

41. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the digitally encoded data is received via an optical storage device and the digitally encoded data is stored via a magnetic storage device.

42. (New) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed perform the method of:

receiving over a network connection, a first stream of digitally encoded data;  
incrementally recording the first stream via a local storage device;  
incrementally playing the first stream during the recording of the first stream;  
pausing the recording and the playing of the first stream at a first point within the digitally encoded data;  
receiving a second stream of the digitally encoded data; and  
incrementally recording the second stream via the local storage device starting at the first point within the digitally encoded data.

43. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, further comprising:  
incrementally playing the second stream of digitally encoded data starting at the first point within the digitally encoded data during the recording of the second stream.

44. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, further comprising:  
incrementally playing the second stream of digitally encoded data starting at a second point within the digitally encoded data during the recording of the of the second stream starting at the first point.

45. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the digitally encoded data is received in packet form transmitted from a remotely disposed computer via a network.

46. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein digitally encoded data comprises audio data.

47. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein digitally encoded data comprises video data.

48. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 42, wherein the digitally encoded data is received via an optical storage device and the digitally encoded data is stored via a magnetic storage device.

49. (New) A method for recording an audio CD file, the method comprising:  
receiving a first audio data stream originating from an audio CD file;  
incrementally recording the first audio data starting at a first point corresponding to a beginning of the audio CD file;  
incrementally playing the first audio data during the recording of the first audio data;  
stopping the recording of the first audio data at a second point within the audio CD file;  
incrementally recording the first audio data beginning at the second point within the audio CD file; and  
incrementally playing the first audio data starting at the first point corresponding to the beginning of the audio CD file while the first audio data is incrementally recorded beginning at the second point within the audio CD file.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
playing a second audio CD file after the recording of the first audio data has been stopped and before incremental recording of the first audio data begins at the second point.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the audio CD file is received from a remote storage device via a network connection.

52. (New) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed perform the method of:

receiving first audio data stream starting at a first point corresponding to a beginning of an audio CD file;

incrementally recording the first audio data;

incrementally playing the first audio data during the recording of the first audio data;

stopping the recording of the first audio data at a second point within the audio CD file;

incrementally recording the first audio data beginning at the second point within the audio CD file; and

incrementally playing the first audio data starting at the first point corresponding to the beginning of the audio CD file while the first audio data is incrementally recorded beginning at the second point within the audio CD file.

53. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 52, further comprising:

playing a second audio CD file after the recording of the first audio data has been stopped and before incremental recording of the first audio data begins at the second point.

54. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 52, wherein the audio CD file is received from a remote storage device via a network connection.

55. (New) A method for playing and simultaneously recording streams of audio data, the method comprising:

receiving over a network connection, a first stream of digitally encoded audio data corresponding to a first audio file;

storing the digitally encoded first stream of audio data to a first data file in a local storage location;

reading a second digitally encoded stream of audio data from the first local data file; and

initiating playing of the second digitally encoded stream of audio data before the first audio file has been completely stored into the first data file.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the first stream of digitally encoded audio data is received from a remote device over the network connection.
57. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein initiating playing comprises displaying information about the first audio file.
58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein displaying information about the first audio file comprises displaying a song name.
59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein displaying information about the first audio file comprises displaying an artist name.
60. (New) A method for recording digitally encoded audio/video data received from a remote device via a network connection, the method comprising:  
    receiving a first stream of digital audio/video data blocks corresponding to a first audio/video file stored on the remote device in a first digitally encoded format;  
    storing the first stream of digitally encoded audio/video data blocks to a first data file in a local storage location as received in the first digitally encoded format; and  
    initiating playing of a second digitally encoded stream of audio/video data derived from the stored first stream of digitally encoded audio/video data, before the first data file has been completely stored.
61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein initiating playing comprises:  
    identifying within which one of a plurality of data encoding formats the first stream of digitally encoded audio/video data is encoded;  
    decoding blocks of the stored digitally encoded audio/video data; and  
    playing the decoded blocks of the audio/video data.